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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached documents listed on the accompanying "IDS List of References" (a substitute for Form PTO/SB/08), are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

All of the presently submitted documents, Cite Nos. F1 through F8 as listed on the IDS List of References, are not in English. These references were cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation **Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)**

As a concise explanation of the relevance of Cite Nos. F1 through F8, an English translation of the substantive content of the Japanese Patent Office communication is submitted herewith. The JPO communication was in Japanese Pat. App. No. 2003-303210, the foreign patent application on the basis of which

priority is claimed in the present application. (A copy of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety follows the English translation.)

Furthermore, English abstracts of Cite Nos. F1 through F8 are available on the Japanese Patent Office website through Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ), and a copy of the corresponding abstract is attached to the back of each reference. (Note that Cite Nos. F6 and F7 are issued Japanese *patents*, as opposed to Japanese unexamined patent application publications, which is what Cite Nos. F1-F5 and F8 are. Since Japanese patents are issued without abstracts—under Japanese practice, abstracts are a component of patent applications only—the English abstracts for Cite No. F6 and F7 are taken from the published corresponding patent *applications*.)

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying IDS List of References and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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